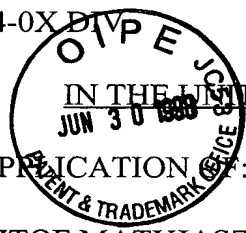


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IN RE APPLICATION OF:

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SERIAL NO: 09/034,187

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FOR: NOVEL (CO)POLYMERS AND A :
NOVEL POLYMERIZATION PROCESS
BASED ON ATOM (OR GROUP) TRANSFER
RADICAL POLYMERIZATION

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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SIR:

Prior to examination of the merits, Applicants respectfully request that the above-identified application be amended as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 15-20 and add the following new claims:

--21. A (co)polymer, comprising one or more free radically (co)polymerizable monomers, wherein the polymer exhibits a stereochemistry and microstructure (as defined by tacticity and sequence distribution) of a material formed by a free radical polymerization process, displays a controlled molecular weight distribution, and possesses specific identified thermally stable groups at predominantly each polymer chain end and a molecular weight in excess of two monomer units.

22. The polymer of claim 21, wherein the specific identified thermally stable groups

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